



Red Cross Shelters Open Tonight Across Region for Flash Flooding Evacuees

Flash flooding still a threat; Red Cross urges people to prepare now

AUGUST 13, 2016 – Residents forced from their homes because of flooding are staying overnight at 19 Red Cross and community-run shelters. Red Cross workers are providing meals, a safe place to sleep and emotional support for those with immediate, disaster-caused needs. While people are continuing to arrive at shelters, the following locations are open overnight:

East Baton Rouge Parish

- Baker Civic Club – 2640 N. Magnolia Drive, Baker
- BREC Park at Hamilton Avenue – 16200 Hamilton Ave., Baton Rouge
- BREC Park at Flannery – 801 Flannery Road, Baton Rouge

- Clinton Fire Station – 5567 Highway 67, Clinton
- Fellowship Church – 9414 Plank Road, Clinton
- Rock Church – 20810 Plank Road, Zachary
- Slaughter Fire Station – Highway 19, Slaughter
- Zoar Baptist Church – 11848 Hooper Road, Central

Iberia Parish

- Cyr-Gates Community Center – 300 Parkview Drive, New Iberia

Lafayette Parish

- Heymann Center – 1373 S. College Road, Lafayette

Livingston Parish

- Bethel Baptist Church – 2149 Circle Drive, Livingston
- First United Methodist Church – 316 Centerville St. NW, Denham Springs
- Riverside Baptist Church – 36890 Highway 16, Watson

St. Helena Parish

- St. Helena High School – 14340 Highway 37, Greensburg

Tangipahoa Parish

- Mike Kenny Center – 601 W. Coleman, Hammond
- Amite Community Center – 101 W. Chestnut, Amite
- Kentwood High School – 603 Ninth St., Kentwood

Vermilion Parish

- Abbeville Boys & Girls Club – 301 A.A. Comeaux Memorial Dr., Lafayette

Washington Parish

- Franklinton High School – 1 Demon Circle, Franklinton

Anyone evacuating to a Red Cross shelter should bring essential items for each member of the family, as possible:

- Prescriptions and emergency medications
- Foods that meet unusual dietary requirements
- Identification to show residence is in affected area and important personal documents
- Hygiene supplies and other comfort items
- Supplies needed for children and infants, such as diapers, formula and toys
- Special items for family members who are elderly or disabled
- Chargers for any electronic devices you bring with you

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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